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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	Application No. 09/695,272	Applicant(s) BERGERON, FLORENT <i>cm</i>	
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**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 September 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,6 and 7 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,6 and 7 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claims \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. & 119(e).

**Attachment(s)**

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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Specification*

1. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because line 1, "The present invention is a" should read --A--. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

### *Claim Objections*

2. The numbering of claims is not in accordance with 37 CFR 1.126 which requires the original numbering of the claims to be preserved throughout the prosecution. When claims are canceled, the remaining claims must not be renumbered. When new claims are presented, they must be numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered claims previously presented (whether entered or not).

Misnumbered claims 2-3 been renumbered 6-7.

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112*

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

- a. Claims 1 and 6-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicant has not clearly set forth the metes and bounds of the patent protection desired. The claims are narrative and are replete with grammatical and idiomatic errors. For example, claim 6, line 1, "a movable part fixed at the perforated frame in semi-circle" is indefinite and lacks antecedent basis. It is unclear whether the applicant is restating the "rotary part" recited in claim 1 or if applicant is referring to a second movable part. Clarification is requested.

- b. Regarding the language in claim 7, the limitation has not been given patentable weight because the recitation is purely functional in nature and does not recite any structure.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

- c. Claims 1 and 6-7, as best understood by the examiner, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Riser. Riser discloses a frame (2,3) having a cushion (28a-c); vertical bar (5); rotary part (10); pulley (11) and belt (8). Regarding the language “on which the user can be installed comfortably when he makes different exercises on the ground”, “allowing to a steel wire to pass without friction inside of said pulley anchored into said rotary part turning freely in all directions, which allows to said steel wire to be pulled down in several directions”, “allow to change the adjustment of said vertical bar at the desired position in blocking said vertical with a metal pin, wherein said metal pin is inserted into a small hole of said part provided with small holes”, “allows to join the wrist or the ankle from the user to said steel wire” has not been given patentable weight because the limitations are purely functional in nature and do not recite any structure. As to claim 6, the recitations have not been given patentable weight because the limitations “metal pin”, “movable part”, “and steel

wire" have not been positively recited in independent claim 1. As to claim 7, see the above rejections in paragraph 2.

***Conclusion***

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lori Baker Amerson whose telephone number is (703) 306-5576. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday from 8-5 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mickey Yu can be reached on (703) 308-2672. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 306-4520 for regular communications and (703) 305-3590 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 306-5648.



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